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Relief effort

Fort Jackson launches AER campaign

By KRIS GONZALEZ
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson will launch its 2010 Army Emergency Relief Annual Campaign during a ceremony at 10 a.m. today at the Joe E. Mann Center.

This year's theme for the campaign, which lasts until May 15, is "Helping Maintain Army Strong."

The main purpose of the annual campaign is to bring AER mission awareness to Soldiers and to raise funds to provide emergency assistance to Soldiers and their families, said Staff Sgt. Lisha Salako, campaign staff mem-

ber.

"AER is solely dedicated to Soldiers helping Soldiers," said 2nd Lt. Danny Duarte, campaign coordinator. "In the Army we take pride in our ability to help our fellow Soldiers."

After all, the Warrior Ethos states, "I will never leave a fallen comrade."

Last year Fort Jackson Soldiers and civilians donated \$268,000 to the campaign, while nearly 1,000 Soldiers and family members received close to \$1.1 million in emergency financial assistance throughout the fiscal year.

This year's goal is "100 percent Soldier

contact," said Sgt. 1st Class Nicole Simonson, campaign staff member.

"We want to ensure that every Soldier is aware of the AER program and has an opportunity to help a fellow Soldier by making a contribution," Simonson said.

AER, referred to as "the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization," is authorized to provide emergency assistance for rent or mortgage payments, food, utilities, essential travel and vehicle repairs, she said.

"There is no limit on how much a Soldier

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Training the trainer



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Staff Sgt. Mario Arce, left, a drill sergeant with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, teaches Sgt. 1st Class Melba Staton, also a drill sergeant for Company B, basic rifle marksman techniques from the standing position Feb. 28 as they participate in the 3-34th's cadre training program. For more, see Page 4.

Women play pivotal role in military

Each year, during Women's History Month, I am left in awe when I think about the long list of contributions made by the women who have served and of those who continue to serve in the Army and other branches of the armed forces. I am also awed when I think about the fact that roughly 80 percent of the women enlisting in our Army receive their Basic Combat Training right here on Fort Jackson.

Let me share some other impressive facts. Today military women are serving in all types of positions. They number almost more than 350,000 strong across the armed forces — active duty, the Guard and Reserves. According to the most recent Army figures, women make up 14 percent of the active duty force, 23.2 percent of the Army Reserve, and 13.3 percent of the National Guard.

All of this did not just happen overnight, as you might have guessed. It's been a very long journey. We can trace women's military service all the way back to the American Revolution, when a captain's wife assumed her husband's post after he was killed at the cannon. The wife subsequently received the military pay she was due and, following her death, was laid to rest at West Point.

Fast forward and you will discover that women have served with distinction in every war in which our nation participated. During the Civil War, many roles were assumed by women. Women served as nurses, supply specialists, and even spies — while some of them disguised

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themselves as male Soldiers to fight on the fronts. Women were instrumental in organizing public relief. They staffed government, hospitals and whatever else that needed help. One woman even acted as an assistant surgeon tending to the wounded.

In the years to come, it was in the medical field where women's contributions really began to mount. During the Spanish-American War, some 1,500 nurses served with our Army in Cuba, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, as well as in stateside hospitals. In World War I, women were enlisting everywhere. More than 12,000 served stateside, while overseas Army and Navy nurses, volunteers for the Red Cross and others were tending to the medical needs of our doughboys.

In World War II, women's participation was off the chart. Approximately 400,000 women served in all the

branches of service and in every theater. Some 460 women made the ultimate sacrifice, losing their lives, while nearly 100 military nurses were held as POWs.

American military women's contributions were immense in the Korean and Vietnam eras as well, but it wasn't until the late 1960s that we saw the legal ceilings on women's promotions lifted. In 1970, we saw our first woman general officer. Slightly more than five years later, women were permitted to enroll in the military service academies.

Two years ago, we saw the Army get its first four-star woman general. The bottom line here is that women are making tremendous strides everywhere. In the last several decades of the 20th Century and the first decade of the 21st Century, there were enormous changes in military policy with regard to women.

Look no farther than right under our noses. Our post is a perfect example. Col. Lillian Dixon is our garrison commander. Meanwhile, down the street at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Col. Nancy Hughes is MACH's first female commander. In February 1972, for the first time, enlisted women entered drill sergeants courses here. And, today, Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King heads the Drill Sergeant School. The message is obvious. Army women are born leaders, and more and more leadership opportunities are being rightfully born for them.

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Ask the garrison commander about:

Using POV storage facilities

I'm currently on orders to Korea and would like to place my privately owned vehicle in a storage facility until I return. Does the Army pay for the storage of my POV while I'm away?

Members of the armed forces who are on orders to a foreign or OCONUS permanent duty station where the POV is not authorized or where extensive modification of the vehicle would be required may place their POV in storage at government expense. The transportation office will determine the Soldier's allowance based on his or her Permanent Change of Station orders and military service guidance and issue a letter of authorization for POV storage.

The POV may be turned in at any DOD or government contracted vehicle processing center. Service members may also choose to procure their own POV storage and be reimbursed up to the government cost. The Soldier must contact the local Transportation Management Office for a letter of authorization to self procure prior to placing the vehicle in storage. Only one POV owned or leased to the each household may be placed in storage at government expense. Once the POV goes into storage, it will remain in storage during the service member's tour of duty.

My daughter is enrolled in the SKIES program and there seems to be a lot of confusion with changing class times and days. What is going on?

The SKIES program is undergoing a major "renovation" with dance, gymnastics and martial arts all changing

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class days and/or times. The program has also recently acquired an art contractor who will soon be offering art classes, plus a new piano instructor who has expanded days and times for lessons. SKIES is also trying to establish a driver's education contract. There is a new instructional programs specialist with SKIES who has recently come to Fort Jackson from Alaska, so look for even more changes in the program.

FACT OF THE WEEK

According to the U.S. Department of Education, children who take music lessons show significantly higher grades in mathematics than other children. In a recent study of high school principals, 96 percent of those who were interviewed agreed that participation in music instruction encourages and motivates students to stay in school.

To submit questions for "Ask the Garrison Commander," call 751-2842, or e-mail scott.nahrwold@us.army.mil.

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Tax Center opens at new location

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Legal Assistance Office

After several delays, the Fort Jackson Tax Center is now officially open. The Tax Center is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday with unit-specific appointments available Saturday.

Appointments will be taken, but walk-in patrons will be seen on a first come, first serve basis. Priority will be given to those with appointments. The Tax Center will remain open until April 15.

There are several documents patrons must bring with them. Most important, bring any W-2s and all other required documents such as 1099-Rs or 1098-INTs. In addition, bring any documents necessary to establish any deductions that may be taken.

For example, in order to claim mortgage interest, patrons must bring the corresponding Form 1098. Those who purchased a new home in 2009 or spent money on day care, should bring documentation for that. Those who are paying alimony, sold stocks or mutual funds, or were audited last year, must bring all related documents.

In addition to the above documents, both



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The Fort Jackson Tax Center assists service members and retirees in preparing their taxes. The center will be open until April 15.

spouses must attend if filing a joint tax return. If the spouse is unavailable, he or she can execute a Power of Attorney (Form 2848) which will allow the other spouse to

file without him or her actually being present.

The Tax Center will also require Social Security cards for each taxpayer, as well as

the Social Security cards for any dependents being claimed on the return. Those who got married in 2009, should make sure the Social Security card indicates the correct last name.

The Fort Jackson Tax Center is intended to provide basic services for people in need. It is not intended, and is not equipped, for more advanced returns. Therefore, there are limits as to whom the Tax Center may serve.

If a return has more than \$90,000 in gross income or a Schedule C needs to be filed, meaning the taxpayer owns his or her own business, the Tax Center is not equipped to handle it.

The same rule applies if the taxpayer owns more than one rental property. If the taxpayer owns just one rental property or received a 1099-C (a cancellation of debt form) Tax Center staff may be able to file his or her return, but on a more limited basis. Call the Fort Jackson Tax Center at 751-JTAX (5829) for more details.

The Tax Center is located at Building 4203 on Sumter Avenue. Facing Perez Gym, it is the adjacent building to the left past the parking lot.

Soldiers, Army civilians compete for \$30K

From CIO/G-6 Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Army announced earlier this week its first internal applications-development challenge. The program, called “Apps for the Army,” or A4A, gives Army personnel the opportunity to demonstrate their software-development skills.

Open to all Soldiers and Army civilians, the challenge’s top submissions will be recognized at the LandWarNet Conference in August. Winners will receive monetary awards from a cash pool totaling \$30,000.

Marvin Wages, program manager for A4A, said “making Apps for the Army a challenge with cash awards provides participants additional incentive to create an application. It also creates more interest.” in the competition.

The Army’s G-6, which is coordinating the A4A challenge, hopes the contest will improve current service capabilities or add new ones — all through the ingenuity of Soldiers and Army employees.

“We’re building a culture of collaboration among our

Army community to encourage smarter, better and faster technical solutions to meet operational needs,” said Army chief information officer and G-6 Lt. Gen. Jeff Sorenson.

“Soldiers and Army civilians will be creating new mobile and Web applications of value for their peers — tools that enhance warfighting effectiveness and business productivity today,” Sorenson said. “And, we’re rewarding their innovation with recognition and cash.”

Participation in A4A is limited to the first 100 Army personnel, to include active-duty Soldiers, Army Reserve and Army National Guard on active duty, and Army civilians who enroll. Only Army personnel can participate. Teamwork is encouraged, but not required, officials said, and participants can submit multiple entries.

A4A applications may tackle any aspect of Army information technology — distributed training, battle command, career management, continuing education, or news and information distribution, for example. A4A will use the latest in collaborative development media, G-6 officials said.

“Apps for the Army features an innovative cloud computing service for participants to use during software cre-

ation,” Sorenson noted. “This is key because it eliminates the constraints of hardware provisioning prior to prototype evaluation.”

The service, provided by the Defense Information Systems Agency and known as the Rapid Access Computing Environment, or RACE, offers access to on-demand virtual Windows and Linux development environments. Participants will be able to use all available programming languages supported by Windows Server and the Linux, Apache, MYSQL and PHP frameworks. They also will be able to build emulated BlackBerry, iPhone and Android applications.

Forge.mil will serve as the collaborative software repository for competitors. The tools inherent in milBook and AKO will facilitate the cross-pollination of ideas, problems and solutions relevant to the Apps for the Army initiative.

The registration form, rules and instructions are located at the Apps for the Army Web site: www.army.mil/ciog6/armyapps. Rolling registration started this week and apps must be submitted by May 15.

E-mail questions to CIO/G6ArmyApps@conus.mil.

Training sharpens drill sergeants' skills

By **KRIS GONZALEZ**
Fort Jackson Leader

When Sgt. 1st Class Melba Staton went through initial training 18 years ago, she learned to fire her rifle the old-fashioned way, on the ground in the prone supported position with her support-side knee forward, and from inside a fox hole.

Now, as a drill sergeant for Company B, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, Staton must master the new basic rifle marksmanship techniques along with new warrior tasks and battle drills, in order to train her troops.

Today, Soldiers in Basic Combat Training are still taught to fire their weapons while lying on the ground. But now, Soldiers are taught to shoot from the straight leg prone position. They're also being trained to shoot while standing up.

While some of these tasks may be routine for infantrymen, for drill sergeants like Staton — with a support military occupational specialty — mastering new combat skills might not come as second nature.

To help strengthen their warfighting capabilities, Staton and fellow drill sergeants

assigned to the 3-34th are participating in a "train the trainer" program in which their more senior counterparts are schooling them on the basics.

"The cadre training program was designed within the battalion to give the new drill sergeants that first-hand grasp of what every Soldier needs to know," said Capt. Dana Norris, company commander. "Most of our senior drill sergeants are already aware of what we need to do to qualify our Soldiers."

"We are making sure our senior drill sergeants pass on the techniques and tactics that we use to train future Soldiers."

First instituted by the battalion in October, the quarterly weeklong course is designed to retrain and refresh newer drill sergeants on fundamental combat skills under the instruction of senior drill sergeants who have more expertise in certain areas, said Lt. Col. Bryan Hernandez, commander of the 3-34th.

"That new drill sergeant coming out of drill sergeant school, depending on what MOS or what type of unit he or she might have been in, might not be as proficient as other drill sergeants," said Staff Sgt. Mario

Arce, senior drill sergeant for Company B. "This (training) is making sure everybody is at the same level, so we don't cheat the (initial entry) Soldiers at their level."

Arce is one of the senior cadre instructing classes during the battalion's second iteration of the program, which began Feb. 23 with classroom instruction and ends today with training on the Army's new physical fitness program.

During the past eight days, the drill sergeants trained in tasks mandated by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's program of instruction for initial-entry training Soldiers, to include newly prescribed changes made in recent months by Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy commanding general for Initial Military Training.

Those tasks included new basic rifle marksmanship tactics, advanced rifle marksmanship strategies, tactical combat casualty care (a newer form of combat lifesaver training), and more.

Staton, who completed drill sergeant school in July, said learning from peers who have already mastered newer warfighting techniques helps her shed some of the prac-

tices she had learned in the past and allows her to master new skills she will be required to relay to Soldiers in the future.

"Because I've been in (the Army) for so many years, I do things a certain way," Staton said. "My fellow cadre show me how it should be done in BCT, which is totally different from what I've learned. I want to teach the (new Soldiers) the right way they have to be taught, so when they move on from basic training and (Advanced Individual Training) to go on to permanent party, where they may have to deploy to Afghanistan or Iraq, they will feel confident they are using techniques already being used down range right now."

Norris said since the battalion began implementing the training program, he has noticed remarkable improvements among the cadre.

"From previous cycles, I can see where some of the new drill sergeants would come in not having the level of understanding as they would have coming straight out of drill sergeant school," Norris said, "But once we initiated this program I've seen a tremendous growth in knowledge."

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Installation chaplain plans to foster community

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
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In 1977, Bart Physioc, then a newly commissioned Coast Guard officer, was on his way to his first duty station in Guam. He was looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead of him, but something did not seem quite right.

"When I was on my way to Guam, thinking of what I had left behind, the adventure that was coming ahead, I felt like something was missing and I couldn't put my finger on it," Physioc said.

A friend invited him to attend church and Physioc said he never stopped going after that.

Thirty-three years later, the journey of faith that started in the Pacific led Physioc to become the installation chaplain on Fort Jackson. Physioc, now an Army lieutenant colonel who is scheduled to be promoted to colonel within the next few months, left the Coast Guard after 3 1/2 years to heed his call to the ministry.

He became a protestant Army chaplain more than 20 years ago and has served in places as diverse as Fort Bragg, N.C., Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Heidelberg, Germany.

During his time in Heidelberg, Physioc and his wife, Dawn, began a tradition that has been a staple of his chaplaincy ever since.

"My wife and I have a real love for hospitality ministry," Physioc explained. "So we opened up our home as a hospitality house for Soldiers, especially single Soldiers, and others working with the military community."

The fellowship included meals, Bible studies, music and trips. It is that sense of community experience that Physioc hopes to establish as installation chaplain, he said.

He has taken on the role of senior pastor at the Main Post Chapel and hopes that his continuous presence there will help the congregation grow and diversify, he said.

"I'm trying to build a community there and do some things that engender a real sense of family," he said. "I re-



Leader file photo

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bart Physioc became the new installation chaplain in February.

ally believe, whether it's a chapel or a church in the civilian world, it needs to function like a family. People know one another. They care for one another. We don't just come for worship services and for Bible studies, which I think are important for our spiritual growth, we come to care for one another. And you can't care for one another unless you know one another."

Physioc will preach at the chapel three times a month. The first Sunday of each month, the congregation will be invited to communion during the service and a fellowship meal afterward. Physioc said he also plans to expand the programs available at the chapel, including establishing a children's ministry and classes for all age groups as well as specific constituency groups, such as singles and women.

"I believe that Main Post Chapel, in some ways, needs to be the flagship chapel. I don't say that to indicate that it's better than the others, but it's the main post chapel," he said. "I want to showcase it, if you will, not for its own sake, but because I think it represents Fort Jackson in a unique way."

Another cause Physioc said is important to him is spiritual mentoring. Fort Jackson, as the place where all of the military's chaplains and chaplain assistants are trained, is an ideal place to provide that kind of mentorship, he said.

"What I want to do, and I've been working toward it, is develop a close relationship with the chaplain schools," he said.

Instead of just being observers, future chaplains are able to participate in Sunday services on Fort Jackson, Physioc said.

"It gives them the opportunity to have hands-on ministry experience in all of our services," he said. "It helps them and it also helps my subordinate chaplains here to provide some supervision and some leadership. It's a win-win situation."

Physioc is quick to acknowledge that he tends to put a lot on his plate, but he said he thrives on the challenges and has a great staff to work with.

"I really love being given the opportunity to be creative and to find the best way of doing whatever it is that I'm given to do. I want to afford the same to my staff," he said.

Whether it involves growing the faith community on Fort Jackson or mentoring young chaplains, all of these activities fit neatly into his role as installation chaplain, Physioc said.

"As the installation chaplain, I have oversight and responsibility for all the spiritual activities that happen on post and providing the support that is needed," he said. "Whether it's different stylistically or denominationally or a different religion — faith is important to people and we want to provide for that and protect their right to worship how they choose, where they choose."

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Haiti donations exceed \$32 million

By **DENISE CUENIN**
American Red Cross

Since January's devastating earthquake in Haiti, the Fort Jackson community has donated more than \$10,000 to the American Red Cross for this specific disaster. Many of the post's units and organizations have worked hard to collect or raise this money.

Especially noteworthy were the donations from the Soldier Support Institute, the Training Support Battalion, the NCO Academy and the students from C. C. Pinckney Elementary School. Smaller, but still greatly appreciated, were donations made by various individual donors and small groups.

According to the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross, as of Feb. 11, more than 3 million people responded to the organization's mobile fundraiser, raising a record-shattering \$32 million in mobile giving for the ongoing relief efforts.

The mobile phone fundraising has been an easy and efficient way for people to lend their support to those affected by the earthquake, and has been widely promoted during major televised events such as the Super Bowl and the Grammy Awards and through public service advertisements by First Lady Michelle Obama and by a number of celebrities.

The American Red Cross relief and recovery work continues in Haiti although the emphasis is no longer feeding and emergency medical help and more long-term shelter, sanitation and community health. Recently, the American Red Cross completed its support aboard the USNS Comfort, the Navy hospital ship.

"Because of the generosity of donors through this mobile giving program, peo-



Photo by TALIA FRENKEL, American Red Cross

Etienne Radine and Louis Anouse walk back to their tent after receiving a case of ready-to-eat meals provided by the American Red Cross.

ple in Haiti are receiving help following this tragedy and they will receive resources, support and training from the Red Cross that will help them recover and rebuild for years to come," said Jeff Towers, chief development officer of the Red Cross. "A \$10 donation made through mobile giving can provide a family with two water cans to store clean drinking water, basic first aid supplies or a blanket. We are grateful to the more than 3.1 million donors and their mobile phone service providers who waived texting fees and expedited the processing of donations."

The American Red Cross has spent or committed nearly \$78 million to meet the most urgent needs of earthquake survivors, with 71 percent of the funds spent or committed for food and water; 20 percent for shelter supplies such as tents, blankets,

tarps and sleeping mats; and the rest are for health and family services. In addition, the American Red Cross is also providing blood and blood products for patients in Haiti, along with family-linking services to reconnect those who were separated during the disaster.

The American Red Cross has about 100 relief specialists and volunteers helping with the relief efforts in Haiti. In total, more than 600 Red Cross and Red Crescent workers from at least 30 countries around the world are in Haiti working with more than 2,500 Haitian Red Cross volunteers in areas such as health, logistics, and relief supply distribution.

The Red Cross network is producing more than 1 million liters of water per day in Haiti, enough for 300,000 people, and Red Cross distributions of food and relief

items (blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, buckets, water containers, laundry soap/detergent, and mosquito nets) have reached nearly 32,000 families (or 170,000 people).

In addition, an average of 1,600 patients are being treated each day at the combined six Red Cross health facilities in Haiti, and the Red Cross teams are part of a major vaccination program that started this past weekend to vaccinate 250,000 children, ages 6 weeks to 7 years, against measles, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus.

Government and relief agencies agree it will take many years to rebuild Haiti. The Red Cross is working in close collaboration with other responding organizations to support immediate needs and long-term recovery projects.

For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join the Red Cross blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families.

The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

Editor's note: Information for this article was found at the American Red Cross Headquarters, www.redcross.org. This is the first of a series of articles highlighting the American Red Cross as part of Red Cross Month.

Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- ❑ A housing-wide yard sale is scheduled for March 20, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ❑ The Community Center at 520 Brown Ave. features an Internet cafe, game/meeting room, cardio room, full kitchen, boundless playground, volleyball pit and soccer field. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents can reserve the Community Center for functions on a first come, first served basis.
- ❑ Residents who refer a friend who moves to Fort Jackson will receive \$300.

- ❑ On-post housing is now open to retirees and DoD civilians. For more information, call 738-8275.
- ❑ LifeWork events are free and open to all residents. To register, or for more information, e-mail cowilliams@bbc-grp.com or call 738-8275. Join the LifeWorks e-mail list and stay informed. Stop by the management office for a calendar of events. Visit www.ft-jacksonfamilyhousing.com for a calendar of events.
- ❑ Help maintain the appearance of the community by removing trash cans and recycle bins from curbside after pickup. If your trash can is damaged, contact Balfour Beatty Communities for a re-

placement.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- ❑ Community center — The basketball, volleyball and tennis courts are nearly complete.
- ❑ Senior NCO — Framing has started and at least four buildings are completely framed.
- ❑ JNCO / Company grade — Families are being relocated from Phase 2 areas to homes on Bradley, Boone and Legge courts.
- ❑ Field grade officer — Grading, site work and land preparation continues. Construction is expected to start by mid March.

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Financial and legal obligations

Federal employees are required to meet their financial obligations in a proper and timely manner. Failure to do so reflects adversely on them, the Army, and the government. It is also considered improper conduct. Failure to honor valid debts or legal obligations may result in disciplinary action.

Employees should be counseled when complaints of indebtedness are received, especially when there are repeated instances or it impacts on the employee's ability to perform his or her duties.

The Army does not take any part of an employee's salary to pay private debts except to enforce certain legal and financial obligations to the federal government or to make child support or alimony payments. Court-ordered wage garnishments, received by supervisors or the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, must be referred to the Judge Advocate's Office.

AER provides financial assistance

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can ask for," she said. "AER assistance will meet your emergency need."

If the emergency is valid and the requester is deemed eligible, AER financial assistance may be provided in the form of a no-interest loan, a grant, or a combination of both.

"There are many finance companies, title loan and cash advanced establishments that take advantage of service members who need financial help," Duarte said. "AER can help ameliorate the situation without Soldiers resorting to

options that have exorbitant fees or interest rates."

Active duty and retired Soldiers and National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers on continuous active duty for more than 30 days (under Title 10 orders), their dependents and surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired, can apply for AER assistance.

A person can apply for AER assistance through unit commanders, first sergeants or the local AER sections, Salako said.

Soldiers or family members not near an Army installa-

tion can apply at the nearest Aid Society (Air Force Aid Society, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance).

If there is no military installation or aid society within 50 miles, or if emergency relief is needed after business hours, during weekends or on federal holidays, Salako said to contact the American Red Cross at 877-272-7337.

For more information, contact Duarte at 751-9119, Danny.Duarte@us.army.mil or stop by the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 120.

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Coordinator personifies Army OneSource program

By **CANDACE ROMERO**
Columbia Recruiting Battalion

The Army OneSource office may be tucked away in the Columbia Recruiting Battalion building, but Spalvera Mercer, the community support coordinator for the Army OneSource program, has been at the forefront of establishing working relationships throughout the state for military families.



MERCER

Mercer, a Charleston native, is an Army retiree with 22 years of active service. She joined the Army OneSource program in June 2008 as a contract worker through Serco Inc., a company that specializes in providing professional management services to the federal government.

Since becoming the CSC for South Carolina, she has developed partnerships and an extensive network through her quarterly visits with her family assistance center specialists and family readiness group meet-

ings. She is often called upon to attend yellow ribbon events and has become a valuable resource in the community.

"It makes my day to talk to family members who did not realize these resources were out there," Mercer said. "I get so happy to see the excitement in people's eyes when I tell them about ... assistance with money matters, work and career, and even managing deployments and separations."

One organization with which she works is the Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee.

This committee consists of representatives from state and regional agencies, child and youth services, schools, Department of Veterans Affairs and other community agencies. The committee meets monthly to share knowledge and experiences in solving everyday challenges service members and families encounter.

Mercer actively recruits new members from local businesses and organizations. As a direct result of her work, ISFAC continues to grow and provide additional resources for military, family members, veterans and civilians alike.

"People and businesses love supporting the military," Mercer said. "I would love to see the ISFAC grow so big that we would need a larger venue to hold our monthly meetings."

FJLeader@conus.army.mil.

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To submit a classified ad via e-mail, send it to skaress@ci-camden.com.

Jumping with heart



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Second-grader Tina Stanley, 7, of C.C. Pinckney Elementary School participates in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart campaign Saturday. Pinckney students also played basketball for Hoops for Heart. Both campaigns are designed to promote awareness for heart health and raise donations for cardiovascular research.

CMS Corner

The Customer Management System at Fort Jackson is a three-tiered feedback system established to determine the satisfaction of those who work, train, live and play on the installation.

CMS includes the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, Community FIRST/AFAP and Customer Service Assessments.

This feedback enables the garrison to focus on specific actions aimed at improving customers' experiences of post services.

A complete list of Community FIRST issues can be found at

<http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/wellbeing.htm>. New issues may be submitted on the site as well, by clicking on "Submit an Issue or Recommendation" or on the Community FIRST/AFAP Logo.

Whether it affects individuals and constituent groups at the installation level or throughout the Army, feedback is important.

Become a friend of CMS on Facebook by logging on to www.facebook.com. Search for CMS Fort Jackson.

"Let your voice be heard!"

Retired NCO part of ‘living history’

When Albert Belcher walked through the door, it was like meeting a piece of living history. He was wearing a black Stetson hat with cross sabers, a yellow neckerchief, white shirt, blue coat and grey trousers. It was as though a living, breathing, Buffalo Soldier had appeared from the past.

Belcher is a member of the Ninth and 10th Horse Cavalry Association, better known as the “Buffalo Soldiers.” The group works hard to preserve the memory of the illustrious Buffalo Soldiers, who were long overlooked in the history of the United States Army. Belcher now dedicates his time helping and teaching the community about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers. During his 27 years in the military, Belcher learned the importance of discipline, leadership, taking care of himself and taking care of others.

Albert Belcher was born March 10, 1951, in Hodges, S.C., to a single mother. After Belcher’s mother died when

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VETERANS

By TERESA
SANDERSON

Leader correspondent



he was 3, he was adopted by his cousins Millie and Chez Jackson. At 18, he enlisted in the Army, attending Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson and later becoming an avionics communication repairman. In 1971, during the Vietnam War, he served with the famous 1st Infantry Division. After the war, Belcher left active duty and served 24 years in the Army Reserves as an armor battalion supply

sergeant, retiring as a sergeant first class.

Belcher served 28 years with the Columbia Police Department as a patrolman, corporal and investigator working in the burglary, auto and crimes divisions. During his time there, he made sure he connected with the children in the community.

As a child, Belcher was called ugly and he learned to take that hurtful word and turn it into his motto — UGLY — U Gotta Love Yourself. He made it his mission to ensure all the children knew they were important and they could become anything they wanted to become.

He later became a sergeant and taught leadership in the northern Columbia area. He also served as a police officer at the Dorn VA hospital. Finally, he served as a licensed funeral director at Trezevant Funeral Home.

In his retirement, he loves to travel and to share his love for the Buffalo Soldiers.

Army veteran preserves Buffalo Soldier history




Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Albert Belcher sports the traditional Buffalo Soldier uniform.

By TERESA SANDERSON

Leader correspondent

Albert Belcher is a member of the Midland Chapter of the Ninth and 10th Horse Cavalry Association, also known as the Buffalo Soldiers. The chapter’s motto is, “We can, we will.” The organization’s main mission is to share the history of the Buffalo Soldiers in schools, churches and other public forums.

Sponsorship of educational competitions, award programs, historical presentations, re-enactments, military equipment displays and parade participation is important to the group. Through these activities, the chapter keeps the history and memory of the Buffalo Soldiers alive.

The Buffalo Soldiers were formed shortly after the Civil War, creating six all-black peacetime units. Many of these men were farmers, cooks, carpenters, inventors and blacksmiths.

On July 28, 1866, Congress authorized six regiments of troops to be manned by African Americans and the 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st Infantry and the Ninth and 10th Cavalry Units were formed.

The Buffalo Soldiers got their name from Native American warriors with whom they engaged in battle as a term of respect to symbolize their adversaries were hardy, almost indestructible, brave, tenacious and fearless like the buffaloes.

Between 1870-1880, Buffalo Soldiers became known for their uniform: a dark blue flannel shirt or blouse, sky blue trousers tucked into the boot and a Civil War (kepi) cap adorned with cross sabers which bore the regimental and troop designation. The uniform was usually accessorized with a neckerchief.

The Buffalo Soldiers were usually armed with a .45-70 caliber Springfield rifle, a Colt .45 caliber handgun and a saber.

Today, members of the Ninth and 10th Horse Cavalry Association are proud to preserve the rich history of the Buffalo Soldiers and honor them by wearing a similar uniform.

The unit also serves and honors local members by attending funeral services and assisting families with any needs. It is important for the unit to honor its fellow comrades because, despite the dedication of the Buffalo Soldiers, they were often forced to bury their comrades without military honors, a ceremony, or even a friend to honor their passing.

The association meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Sumter County Library, which is located at 1111 Harvin St., Sumter. To become a member, contact Harold James Jr. at 775-4852. The association also has a Junior Buffalo Soldiers unit in Columbia.

Call Ivory Johnson III at 422-4979 for information.

Army to balance Iraq drawdown

By **C. TODD LOPEZ**
Army News Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The process of drawing down and resetting equipment in Iraq to meet the 2011 pull-out deadline set by the president must not affect Soldier dwell time, according to the Army's top logisticians.

Part of the drawdown means moving equipment now in Iraq out of country and placing it elsewhere — in the United States or in another theater of operations, such as Afghanistan. Part of that means reset — the equipment moved may need to be replaced, recapitalized, or repaired, for instance, depending on what will happen to it.

Also part of the reset process is ensuring Soldiers have time to recuperate from deployment, said Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commander, Army Materiel Command.

"We have to remember that is the dwell time for our Soldiers," Dunwoody said to members of the press, Feb. 25, at the 2010 Association of the United States Army's Institute of Land Warfare Winter Symposium and Exposition here.

"They come back, they need time to be integrated with their families, get on vacation, get rest, and get reintegrated after a deployment of a year of deployment or longer," she said. "Our job after that reset period can't be one that's disruptive."

Dunwoody said that efforts to take back equipment from units, or to field it back to them, must not interfere with dwell — the time Soldiers spend at home.

Synchronization of the equipment reset

process, across the Army, and matching that up against the Army's force generation model — ARFORGEN — can ensure that Soldiers get reset just like the equipment they use in theater, she said.

"We are trying to adapt the way we reset to allow us to do that," Dunwoody said. "Take the equipment back early and then redeliver it back at the end of their dwell time.

Knowing what units are in reset, knowing which units are in training and available, and knowing which ones are deployed, allows us to focus the resources we have based on where they are in the ARFORGEN cycle."

Lt. Gen. James H. Pillsbury, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, now leads the Responsible Reset Task Force out of Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The task force has been asked to tackle the complex challenge of managing the reset of equipment in Iraq.

Equipment in Iraq includes tens of thousands of containers and vehicles, as well as millions of pieces of equipment. One of the challenges faced in Iraq, Pillsbury said, was a large amount of equipment not accounted for — making it difficult to track.

"Drawdown challenges are many," he said. "When we first started, the Army Field Support Brigade in Iraq started receiving equipment — a lot of it was not brought to record."

A lot of equipment, Pillsbury said, was



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not on Army books. But that has been fixed now, as equipment at forward operating bases is now accounted for in property books.

"We are finding that equipment brought to our yards in preparation for the withdrawal — in most cases, have been brought to record," Pillsbury said.

Pillsbury said the Army is now doing a "fabulous job" in bringing down rolling stock — Army vehicles — from Iraq, for instance.

"About six to eight months ago, the metric was established to bring out 1,500 pieces of rolling stock a month," he said. The Army has exceeded that goal every month, he said.

Right now, Pillsbury said, the Army is on target to meet the drawdown goals.

"The velocity is there to get the necessary equipment out on the timelines that the president has established," he said.

One final destination for some equipment, Pillsbury said, is foreign military sales — the transfer of equipment in theater to the militaries of coalition partners. The general said the process to move those things into sales has been smooth.

"Gen. Chris Tucker at U.S. Army Security Assistance Command ... has done a marvelous job of expediting the FMS process," he said. "That process needed to be leaned — it was and it is and continues to be."

One second-tier effect of the drawdown

in Iraq is dealing with the non-standard equipment in the country — Army-owned equipment that was purchased specifically for use in theater, but that the Army doesn't really know how to use elsewhere. Some 5,000 different types of equipment exist, Dunwoody said.

"We have a lot of capability out there that doesn't reside on our documents," Dunwoody said. "What we are doing with the help of Training and Doctrine Command, and the department, now that we have visibility of those non-standard items, is get determination of whether it is an enduring capability, whether it is something that goes into stocks for future operations, something to be disposed, or something to be transferred."

In the recent fiscal year 2011 budget that went forward to congress, some \$11 billion was marked for the reset process, said Lt. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, deputy chief of staff, G-4.

"We are well funded, no complaints this year or next if Congress passes the budget," Stevenson said. "But certainly that which has gone forward from OSD, we are happy with, and we can execute the mission with that amount of money."

Stevenson said the drawdown mission in Iraq is going as planned.

"In every measureable way, whether it is number of bases, number of vehicles, number of containers, number of supply support activities, number of people — we are ahead of the plan developed many months ago," he said. "And so you should feel really good about that."

Happy Birthday to you!



Photo by **SUSANNE KAPPLER**

Karen Padgett, community manager with Balfour Beatty Communities, reads the Dr. Seuss book "Are you my mother?" to a group of children at the Community Center Tuesday. The reading was in celebration of the late author's 106th birthday.

Retiring from service



Photo by **OITHIP PICKERT, Public Affairs Office**

From left, 1st Sgt. Scott Annese, Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Coffey, Sgt. 1st Class Nathaniel Wiggins and Staff Sgt. Stephen Tinney are honored during Retirement Review Feb. 24 at the Solomon Center.

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Afghanistan-bound Soldiers to get new uniforms, boots

By **ALEXANDRA HEMMERLY-BROWN**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan will be issued the new “MultiCam” fire-resistant Army Combat Uniform complete with new Mountain Combat Boots and MultiCam-patterned Modular Lightweight Load-carrying Equipment, or MOLLE, gear beginning in July.

At mobilization sites throughout the U.S., the uniform will be issued to deploying troops as part of the Rapid Fielding Initiative process, and Soldiers already in Afghanistan are scheduled to receive the MultiCam this fall.

“Anything we can do to give our Soldiers an edge, we want to do,” said Col. William E. Cole, project manager for Soldier protection and individual equipment at the Program Executive Office Soldier at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The decision to field and develop an alternative camouflage for uniforms in Afghanistan came out of the realization that the Army’s current Universal Camouflage Pattern, or UCP, did not meet all of the concealment needs for Afghanistan’s multiple regions.

“Afghanistan is a unique camouflage challenge because it’s such a terrain-diverse country,” Cole explained. He also confirmed that the uniforms and gear in MultiCam will for now only be used in Afghanistan.

In Afghanistan, Soldiers on a single patrol can potentially go from desert conditions, to wooded areas, villages, and rocky mountain environments. When coming up with a new camouflage color palette, PEO Soldier wanted to be sure the uniforms gave Soldiers a combat edge in each possible terrain situation.

Similar to the Battle Dress Uniform woodland print, the new MultiCam is a combination of seven different shades which “takes in surrounding colors.” A jumble of greens, browns and beige, the MultiCam camouflage presents a solution to Afghanistan’s multiple-region problem.

“Troops like the fact that it helps them blend in to different terrain types,” Cole said of the new pattern.



Photo by **ALEXANDRA HEMMERLY-BROWN**, *Army News*

The new Mountain Combat Boots feature a tougher, more durable sole for gripping terrain.

In September 2009, four phases of developing and testing new camouflage options were initiated: deciding on alternative uniform patterns, conducting testing and Soldier feedback, choosing a final pattern to produce, and evaluating a long-term plan for the Army Combat Uniform.

The MultiCam, while cut in the same style as the ACU, will have several upgrades including a reinforced seat, buttons on the trouser cargo pockets, be constructed of flame-resistant fabric (like the newer ACUs), and treated with permethrin. New Mountain Combat Boots will also be issued to deploying Soldiers. The boots feature a tougher, more durable sole for gripping the mountainous Afghan terrain.

Approved spouses not affected by halt on employment program

By **CARMEN L. GLEASON**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A week after announcing the temporary halt of the Defense Department’s Military Spouse Career Advancement Account operations, the head of the program assured participants with approved financial assistance that their enrollment will be unaffected.

“For those of you who have currently approved financial account documents, your documents will be honored,” said Tommy T. Thomas, deputy undersecretary of defense for the Pentagon’s office of military community and family policy. “We encourage those spouses who were in the process of developing their career plans to continue to do so.”

The halt, announced Feb. 18, came as a result of an unprecedented six-fold spike in enrollments during January. Since the soft launch in March 2009, more than 136,000 military spouses have applied for the MyCAA program. Currently, 98,000 are enrolled in courses or have been approved for tuition assistance.

“These applications were overwhelming the system intended to support the program and almost reached the budget threshold,” Thomas said. “We are looking to ensure the viability of this valuable program.”

The overall program, including all procedures and financial assistance documents, is currently under review, Thomas said, adding that he expects to announce the program’s long-term strategy soon.

The MyCAA program provides military spouses with opportunities to pursue portable careers in high-demand, high-growth occupations through training programs, job readiness counseling, and employment assistance.

While no new financial assistance applications are being accepted, counseling support will remain available at local installations. Spouses also can receive assistance using other government resources such as Military OneSource and the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Spouses are encouraged to continue to pursue career counseling and the development of their career training plans, Thomas said.

News and notes

AER CAMPAIGN BEGINS

The Fort Jackson Army Emergency Relief Campaign annual ceremony is scheduled for today at the Joe E. Mann Center Ballroom. The AER Campaign ends May 15. Call 751-5256 or visit www.aerhq.org for information.

171ST BOWLING SCHEDULED

The 171st Infantry Brigade’s No-Tap Bowling Tournament is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, at Century Lanes. Participants must register by March 4. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. Call 751-9607 for information.

IMBODEN STREET CLOSED

A portion of Imboden Street (from Mills Road to Faison Court) is closed to accommodate new construction. The street will be closed for approximately a month. Call 790-7913 for information.

TEEN JOB FAIR ON TAP

A teen job and education fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, at the Solomon Center. Various local businesses, colleges and other educational organizations will be in attendance.

MILITARY CHAPLAINS MEET

The South Carolina Chapter of the Military Chaplains Association has been reactivated and has scheduled its meetings at the Fort Jackson Officers’ Club. For more information, call 206-4702 or visit www.mca-usa.org. The organization’s next meeting is scheduled for April.

AG MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST SET

The Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association quarterly membership breakfast is scheduled for 7:15-8:30 a.m., March 16 at the NCO Club. Col. Robert Manning, Adjutant General School commandant, will serve as guest speaker. Call 751-8406 for information.



March 5 — 6 p.m.

When in Rome PG-13 91 min.

March 6 — 4 p.m.

Legion R 100 min.

March 7 — 4 p.m.

When in Rome PG-13 91 min.

March 11 — 2 p.m.

Legion R 100 min.

March 11 — 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS

Good sports



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

From left, Command Sgt. Maj. Cheryl Greene, 187th Ordnance Battalion, Col. Julia Adams, deputy commander for nursing at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Col. Nancy Hughes, commander of MACH, and Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, are honored during halftime of the University of South Carolina’s women’s basketball game Feb. 25.

Career game



Courtesy photo

Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Whitebull, a drill sergeant with Company D, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, re-enlisted Friday at the 50-yard line of the University of South Carolina’s Williams Brice Stadium. He was joined by his family and company and battalion leaders. Whitebull has served in the military for 14 years.

AROUND POST

March Promotions

Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank
CARDINALE, Douglas C.	COL	COOPER, Tyrone S.	SGM	PEREZ, David	SSG
ALLEN, Kenneth S.	LTC	CLARK Jr., Mark A.	MSG	SMILEY, Michael	SSG
BELL Jr., Richard C.	LTC	ARCHANGEL, Stacie N.	SFC	SMITH, Vontrice	SSG
CHARLAND, Jason A.	LTC	BROWN, Felecia E.	SFC	THIBAULT, Robert	SSG
COLEMAN, Cynthia G.	LTC	BRYANT, Eva J.	SFC	THOMPSON, Jeremiah	SSG
HARPER, David A.	LTC	CHRISTIAN, Angeletta M.	SFC	BARRON, Marcus	SGT
HUDSON, Yvonne C.	LTC	CLARK, Matthew W.	SFC	BASS, Brian	SGT
JACKSON, John C.	LTC	GARCIA, Lidilia M.	SFC	CHENNAULT, Tuesday	SGT
LAPORTE Jr., Grover J.	LTC	MCDONALD, John R.	SFC	CURTIS, Dorothy	SGT
SMITH, Daniel R.	LTC	SULLIVAN, Michael T.	SFC	DAVIS, Maryann	SGT
GOBLE, Anthony S.	1LT	WOODRUFF, Kelly J.	SFC	HARPER, Jessie	SGT
HARRELL, Casey E.	1LT	ZAMORA, Rene J.	SFC	JEANPIERRE, Martine	SGT
LACY, Chad M.	1LT	CARTER, LaToysha	SSG	LANDER, Tyrone	SGT
TATE, Kevin M.	1LT	DARLAND, William	SSG	MARTIN, Kareem	SGT
WALLACE, Wesley S.	1LT	DESCARTES, LaToya	SSG		
HEINTZMAN, James P.	CW4	MCMURRAY, Richard	SSG		

HAPPENINGS

Calendar

Saturday
Teen job and education fair
10 a.m. to noon, Solomon Center
Open to the public.

Wednesday
Retired Officers Wives Club luncheon
11:30 a.m., Officers’ Club
RSVP by 3 p.m., March 5 at 783-1220.

AFTB course
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., FRC
Level II Grow Personal Skills course
Through March 12.
Register by Friday. Call 751-6315.

ASAP commander/ 1st Sgt. training
9 a.m. and 1 p.m., 3250 Sumter Ave.
Call 751-5007 to register.

Tuesday, March 16
Fort Jackson Spouses Club
11:30 a.m., Officers’ Club
Theme: “Decorating tips for Spring”
Ways and Means Committee will be sell-
ing discounted items.

Single Soldier town hall meeting
5:30 p.m., Community building 2463
Installation representatives will be avail-
able to answer questions and resolve is-
sues.

Wednesday, March 17
**Exceptional Family Member Program
Community Resources Awareness Fair**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Solomon Center
Various agencies and organizations from
the surrounding community will be on-
hand to provide information. Call 751-
5256 or e-mail [ftjacksonefmpvolunteer@
gmail.com](mailto:ftjacksonefmpvolunteer@gmail.com) for information.

Monday, March 22-March 25
ASAP Unit Prevention Leader class
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. 3250 Sumter Ave.

Housing events

*All events are held in the Community
Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise
specified. Call 738-8275 for information.*

Today
Fitness challenge
4 p.m.
Weekly weigh-in and work out.

Monday, March 15
Pedicure party
10 a.m. to noon
Enjoy a complete spa pedicure. First
come, first served. RSVP required.

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Announcements

TRANSITION CLASSES
Transition classes are geared toward
any Soldier who deployed during
OIF/OEF. The class meets each Tuesday,
6-7:30 p.m., in the Moncrief Army Com-
munity Hospital conference room. The
class is geared toward helping Soldiers
transition from life in the combat zone.
The 10-class session will cover 14 topics,
including: anger, closeness, mission orien-
tation and predictability. Call 751-5911
for information.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS
Under certain circumstances, special
extra earnings for military service from
1957-2001 can be credited to the service
member’s record for Social Security pur-
poses. Those extra earnings credits may
help service members qualify for Social
Security or increase the amount of the
service member’s Social Security benefit.
Special extra earnings credits are
granted for periods of active duty or ac-
tive duty for training. Special extra earn-
ings credits are not granted for inactive
duty training. From 1957-1967, extra
credits will be added when the service
member applies for Social Security bene-
fits. From 1968-2001, the credits have
been automatically added.
Visit [http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/mili-
tary.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm) for more information.

CENSUS BUREAU EMPLOYMENT
Fort Jackson dependents are eligible to
become census takers. Call 866-861-
2010, 239-5030 or visit [www.2010cen-
susjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) to apply.

THRIFT SHOP UPDATES
The Thrift Shop “Get Ready for
Spring” clearance sale is currently under
way. Sweaters and coats available.
The Thrift Shop accepts consignments
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday through
Thursday. Active duty personnel may
bring in items for consignment at any
time during regular business hours.

RED CROSS CLASSES
The American Red Cross has sched-
uled a class from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March
25, at the Spc. Caughman U.S. Army Re-
serve Center, 1525 Marion Ave. Classes
include: Adult CPR, child CPR, infant
CPR, first aid, adult AED and child AED.

LIMITED VISIBILITY PT
Joggers, walkers or runner must wear
reflective armbands, vest or other reflec-
tive clothing when exercising on Fort
Jackson roadways, sidewalks and shoul-
ders. They should also exercise on the
side of the road facing oncoming traffic
and keep as far away from the road a pos-
sible.

SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

Survivors of service members who died
while on active duty can use Survivor Out-
reach Services for assistance with benefits
and finances. For more information, call
751-4867/5256 or e-mail [Leslie.S.Smith@
us.army.mil](mailto:Leslie.S.Smith@us.army.mil).

TELEPHONE BOOK RECYCLING
Old telephone books are accepted for
recycling through March 15 at various
drop-off locations, including the Fort Jack-
son Recycling Center on 6568 Lee Road.
For more information, call 733-1139.
CIVIL RIGHTS ESSAY CONTEST
The National Campaign to Restore
Civil Rights has launched an essay and vi-
sual entry contest with the theme, “What
does equality mean to you?” The contest is
open to 14-18 year olds.
Contest winners will receive prizes, in-
cluding a cash award and a trip for two to
New York City. The contest is open
through April 12. Visit [http://www.roll-
backcampaign.org/contest2010/](http://www.roll-backcampaign.org/contest2010/) for infor-
mation.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPOUSES
Need-based scholarships are available
for spouses of active duty and retired Sol-
diers through the AER Stateside Spouse
Education Assistance Program. Applica-
tions must be submitted by Monday. For
more information, visit www.aerhq.org.

OPERATION PURPLE
Registration for the National Military
Family Association’s Operation Purple
summer camp program begins March 15.
The free camp, which will be at Camp
Tekoa, is open to children of service mem-
bers from any branch of service, including
National Guard and Reserve, as well as
children of members of the Commissioned
Corps of the Public Health Service and
National Oceanic Atmospheric Adminis-
tration. Visit www.operationpurple.org for
information.

GEN II PARKA INFORMATION
Gen II parkas being issued to perma-
nent party and Basic Combat Training Sol-
diers must be available for reissue.
Soldiers may not make markings on it, in-
cluding writing names on it.

SPANISH SUPPORT GROUP
The Spanish Support Group/Playgroup
offers spouses and their family members
the opportunity to connect with other indi-
viduals that share the same native language
and similar cultural backgrounds. The
group consists of a variety of family mem-
bers, including those with special needs
and meets the last Thursday of the month
at the ACS Annex, Room 8. Children are
able to play and interact with each other,
participate in arts and crafts projects, and
practice their Spanish skills. Adults are
able to share ideas, express concerns, and
socialize among one another. The meetings
are usually a festive event and potlucks are
common. POC for the meeting are Claudia

Lopez at jcst143@univision.com or Sheila
Telles at lizperlataina@yahoo.com.
*El grupo de Apollo hispano y grupo de
juego ofrece a las esposas y los miembros
de familia la oportunidad de conocer
otras personas y compartir el mismo id-
ioma y similaridad cultural. El grupo esta
integrado por una variedad de familias
incluyendo aquellos que tienen necesi-
dades especiales. El grupo se reúne el úl-
timo jueves de cada mes a las 11:30 am
en el ACS Annex, cuarto 8. Los niños
tienen la oportunidad de jugar e interac-
tuar con otros niños participando en man-
ualidades y practicando las destrezas del
lenguaje español. Los adultos comparten
unos con otros y expresan sus ideas y pre-
ocupaciones. Las reuniones mayormente
son un evento festivo de intercambio de
comidas. Para mas informacion puede co-
municarse con Claudia Lopez al
jcst143univision. com o con Sheila Telles
al lizperlataina@yahoo.com.*

Off-post events

SEA CHANTERS TO PERFORM
The U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters
will perform 7 p.m., Friday, in the Rich-
land School District Two Auditorium,
7500 Brookfield Road. Tickets are free.
Visit www.districtauditorium.org or call
699-2896 to reserve tickets.

PALMETTO PAINTERS
The Palmetto Painters are scheduled to
meet 10 a.m., March 13, at Green Hill
Baptist Church, 1734 Augusta Road,
West Columbia. The program will cover
Easter bunnies and Easter eggs in acrylics
on a faux finish background. Call 781-
2340 or visit www.PalmettoPainters.com.

MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP
The Richland County Public Library
Foundation has established the Ethel
Bolden Minority Scholarship. The \$2,500
scholarship will be awarded annually
from 2010 through 2013. Call 929-3424
or visit www.myRCPL.com/foundation.

JOURNEY FOR CONTROL
Moncrief Army Community Hospital
has scheduled a free diabetes workshop
for 5:30 p.m., today, at the Lexington
County Public Library, 6251 St. Andrews
Road. Space is limited to the first 20 par-
ticipants. Call 877-532-4545 for informa-
tion.

LEGAL NOTICE
Anyone with debts owed to or by
the estate of Pvt. Rijius S. Woods must
contact 1st Lt. Joseph E. Williams, the
summary courts martial officer for the
Soldier. Woods passed away Feb. 25.
1st Lt. Williams can be reached at
751-1145 or e-mail: [Joseph.Williams
34@conus.army.mil](mailto:Joseph.Williams34@conus.army.mil).



Anita Judkins makes adjustments to a Soldier's Class A coat while Demetrice McQueen looks on.

Photos by SUSANNE KAPPLER

CIIP tailors to new Soldiers

By SUSANNE KAPPLER
Fort Jackson Leader

During Essie Smith's 30 years working for the Fort Jackson Clothing Initial Issue Point, almost 1 million Soldiers have been outfitted by the facility.

Smith started out as a supply clerk and has worked her way up to become the clothing fitter supervisor. Throughout that time, the uniforms have changed, but the process of fitting new Soldiers remains essentially the same, Smith said.

"They come through first to get their Army Combat Uniforms, and five to six weeks later they come back and get their dress uniform," she said.

Lt. Col. Michael Bineham, commander of the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), said that issuing a new Soldier his or her first uniform is an important step in his or her career.

"CIIP is vital to ensuring our Soldiers are successful in Basic Combat Training," Bineham said. "One of the most critical functions the CIIP staff performs is ensuring the Soldier is properly sized for three pairs of boots. More often than not wearing boots is a new

experience for many of today's Soldiers. Improperly fitted boots can result in an injury within hours or days and could jeopardize them completing Basic Combat Training."

In addition to providing uniform items to Soldiers in BCT, the 83 employees of the CIIP also exchange items for Soldiers in Advanced Individual Training and issue items to Soldiers who attend other training courses on Fort Jackson.

"Everybody is totally dedicated to serving these Soldiers," said Linda "Tiny" Shine, supervisor of the Phase 1 line at CIIP. "The employees have a high standard of getting the Soldiers fitted. They also try to make them feel relaxed as they go down the line."

Smith and Bineham agreed that the employees are the force behind the success of the organization.

"The key to CIIP's success — as with all service providers at the 120th — are the civilian employees who continually strive to provide quality customer support to our Soldiers and leave them with a great first impression of the U.S. Army," Bineham said.

Susanne.Kappler1@us.army.mil



Gisele Zerr makes sure a Soldier's patrol cap fits right. Zerr is one of 83 employees at the CIIP.



Se Myong Riedy makes alterations to a black all-weather coat, which is issued after about five weeks of Basic Combat Training.



Taffy Spencer, back, and Linda Young find the correct size boots for Soldiers. Soldiers are issued three pairs of boots when they enter the Army.

EFMP resource fair to raise awareness

The Army Community Services Exceptional Family Member Program is sponsoring the first EFMP Community Resources Awareness Fair, March 17 at the Solomon Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The awareness fair will give Soldiers who have family members with special needs an opportunity to talk to rep-

Army Family Covenant

By **THERESA O'HAGAN**

Child, Youth and School Services

representatives from on- and off-post agencies face-to-face, obtain needed information and find out what services are available in the community and how to access them. Soldiers and family members may attend.

"Many of our families spend hours on the Internet, telephone and searching the Columbia area for resources," said Cheryl Jackson, EFMP manager. "This will give them quick access to the folks they need to see all in one day."

EFMP reaches families in many ways. EFMP is committed to helping improve the quality of life and well-being for Soldiers and family members.

The goal of the EFMP is to ensure that all families with special needs members receive prompt and adequate information, referral and assistance to services and resources. Besides the services required by regulation, Fort Jackson provides additional services.

There are four support groups available at Fort Jackson: Autism Support Group, Sibling Support Group, EFMP Support Group, and the Off-Post EFMP Support Group.

"As another way of meeting the needs of EFMP families, the Fort Jackson EFMP has also developed a special care notebook for families to track individual EFM medical, school and day care services," Jackson said. "The care

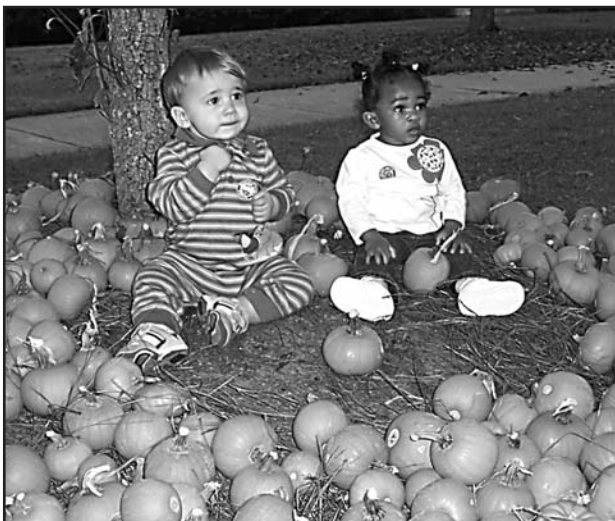


Photo courtesy FORT JACKSON EFMP

The EFMP pumpkin patch outing is one of many on- and off-post events the group hosts.

notebook can be designed specifically for each individual's needs and is easy to maintain and carried from installation to installation to keep up with important information. "

EFMP also has a library for adults and children. Information is available and can be checked out by family members.

"The EFMP staff is ready to serve families before they even arrive at Fort Jackson (and) until the time they leave the installation," Jackson said.

Participating agencies at the EFMP Community Resources Awareness Fair include: The Early Autism Project Inc. Muscular Dystrophy Association, Operation Military Kids, Alzheimer's Association, MEDDAC-Preventive Medicine and the S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- ❑ Visit Century Lanes for food, fun and bowling.
- ❑ Magruder's Pub and Club is open for lunch.
- ❑ Victory Bingo, 2-11 p.m.
- ❑ Sleepy story time, 6:30-7 p.m., post library. Come in your PJs and go home ready for bed.
- ❑ It's not easy cooking green, 3:30-5:30 p.m., every Thursday, 5955-D Parker Lane. Free for middle school students and teens. Must be registered with CYSS.

FRIDAY

- ❑ Visit the Officers' Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Blue Plate Specials.
- ❑ Victory Bingo, starts at 2 p.m.
- ❑ Texas Hold 'Em Poker, 5:30 p.m., Magruder's Pub.
- ❑ Artistic Expressions with Jake, 6:30 p.m., Teen Room at the Youth Services Center.
- ❑ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at Magruder's Club, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruder's Club is located in the back of Magruder's Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- ❑ Right on target archery, Friday and Monday, 4-6 p.m., Heise Pond. Free for middle school students and teens. Must be registered with CYSS.
- ❑ Go fly a kite, every Friday, 4-5:30 p.m., 5955-D Parker Lane. Free for middle school students and teens. Must be registered with CYSS.

SATURDAY

- ❑ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the Youth Services Center.
- ❑ Victory Bingo, starts 4 p.m.
- ❑ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the NCO Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

SUNDAY

- ❑ Victory Bingo, starts 10 a.m.
- ❑ Family day at the Youth Services Center, 2-6 p.m.
- ❑ Traditional brunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m, Officers' Club. Coat and tie are no longer required. T-shirts, running attire and flip flops are not permitted. Call 751-4906/782-8761 for reservations.

MONDAY

- ❑ Right on target archery, Friday and Monday, 4-6 p.m., Heise Pond. Free for middle school students and teens. Must be registered with CYSS.

TUESDAY

- ❑ Paper beading, every Tuesday, 3:30-5 p.m., 5955-D Parker Lane. Free for middle school students and teens. Must be registered with CYSS.

WEDNESDAY

- ❑ Visit the Officers' Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Mongolian BBQ buffet.
- ❑ Get your party on at the NCO Club, 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 for military, \$7 for civilians.
- ❑ Karaoke night with Tom Marable, Magruder's Pub. Cost is \$3 for military, \$5 for civilians.
- ❑ The EDGE! In the swing golf, 3:30-5 p.m., 5955-D Parker Lane. Free for middle school students and teens.
- ❑ Artistic trading cards, every Wednesday, 3:30-5 p.m., 5955-D Parker Lane. Free for middle school students and teens.

For a complete calendar of FMWR events, visit www.fort-jacksonmwr.com.

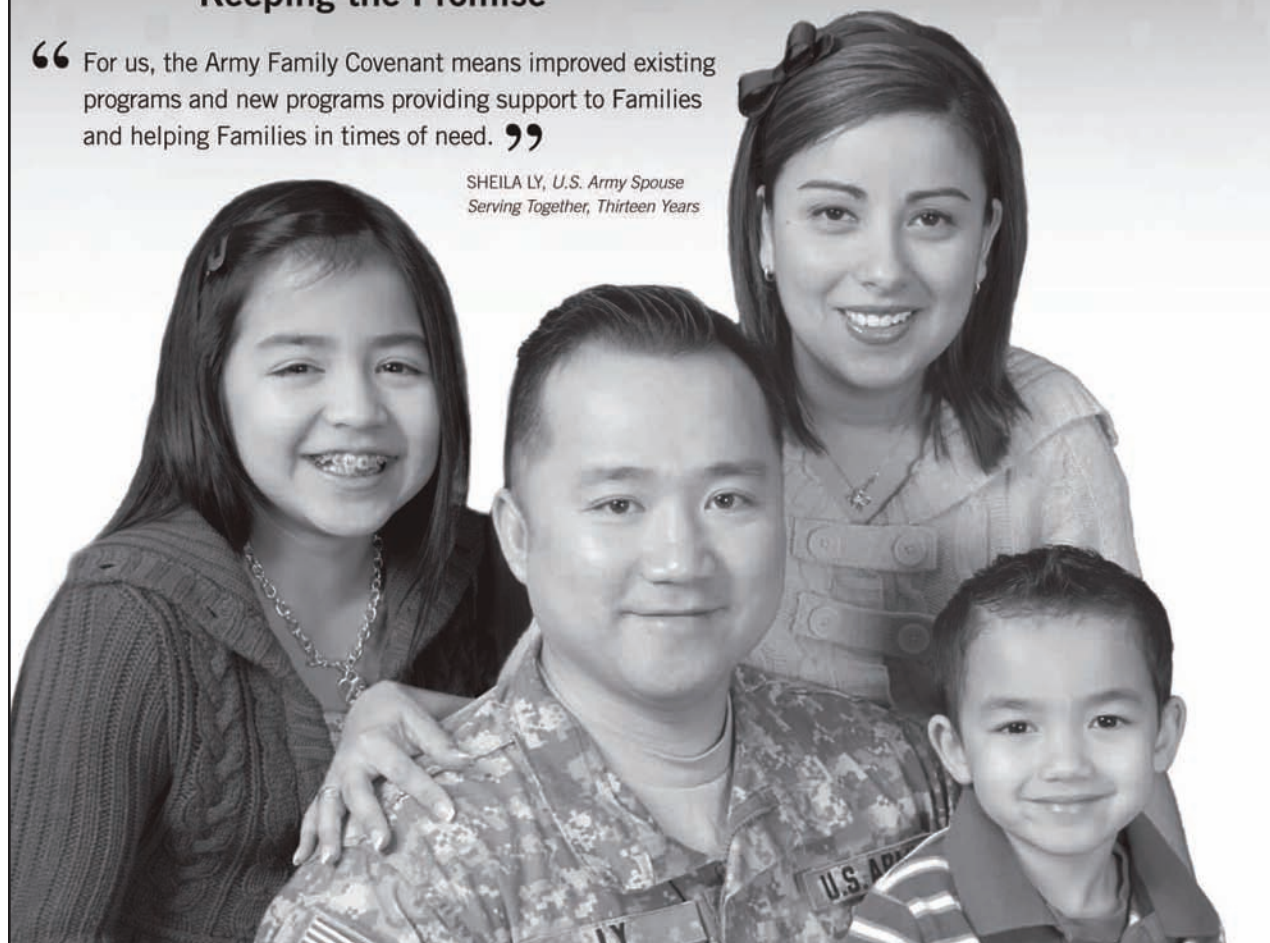
ONGOING OFFERS

- ❑ The Officers' Club is open for lunch Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is open to everyone.

ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: Keeping the Promise

“For us, the Army Family Covenant means improved existing programs and new programs providing support to Families and helping Families in times of need.”

SHEILA LY, U.S. Army Spouse
Serving Together, Thirteen Years



Ask the MEDDAC commander:

Patient safety top priority for MACH

I read something about National Patient Safety Week and want to know if Moncrief Army Community Hospital is doing anything?

Yes, MACH will recognize National Patient Safety Awareness next week, Monday through Saturday. This year's theme is, "Let's talk! Healthy conversations for safer health care."

Hospitals nationwide will be focusing on helping patients understand that providing safe, effective, quality health care is a team effort and requires open communication between everyone involved. Clear and open communication between patients, providers and other health care team members is at the very core of safe patient care. It is an essential part of keeping patients safe during their journey through the health care system.

When should I ask questions?

Anytime you are in the health care system. This includes when you see your health care provider, nurse, or any other member of the team; you prepare for a medical test or procedure; you are admitted to the hospital; you are seen in an urgent care clinic or emergency room; or you visit any health care clinic.

What if I ask and still do not understand?

Let your provider, nurse, or caregiver know if you still do not understand what you need to do. You might say, "This is new to me. Will you please explain that to me one more time?" or "Can you explain that in nonmedical terms?"

What if the person taking care of me is too busy to answer my questions?

COL. NANCY HUGHES
*Fort Jackson
Medical Department
Activity Commander*



No one should ever be too busy to answer your questions. You can always ask questions of anyone who is taking care of you. That is why MACH personnel are there. You never need to feel rushed or embarrassed if you do not understand something. Always ask.

Is there some way to approach communicating better?

Whenever you talk with a doctor, nurse, or caregiver, you can use the three "Ask Me" questions to better understand your health. These questions are: What is my main problem? What do I need to do? Why is it important for me to do this?

How will asking those questions help me?

Getting answers to those questions can assist you in many ways. A few ways may include taking better care of your health, preparing for medical tests, and helping you take your medicines the right way. Everyone wants help with health information. You are not alone if you find things confusing at times. Asking questions helps you understand how to stay well or to get better.

I have heard that infections can be a problem in hospi-

tals. What kind of questions can I ask about that?

When you talk with a doctor, nurse, or caregiver, you can use these three "Ask Me" questions to help avoid getting an infection: What causes the spread of infection? What can I do to protect myself and how will you protect me? Have you washed your hands?

What possible answers might I receive from those questions.

Here are some examples: *Have you washed your hands?* "Yes, I have washed my hands. Would you be more comfortable if I did it again?" or "No, thank you for reminding me. I will wash them now."

What can I do to protect myself and how will you protect me? "To protect yourself, wash your hands carefully after handling any type of soiled material and coughing or sneezing into your sleeve to protect you and others from spreading a respiratory illness."

MACH staff members help protect you by making sure they clean their hands before caring for you, coughing and sneezing into their sleeves, keeping all equipment that comes in contact with you clean and following U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines on infection prevention."

Is the staff at MACH committed to patient safety?

Yes. MACH is extremely fortunate to have a dedicated military and civilian workforce who always strives to deliver safe, quality care. MACH's mission statement sets the climate for that philosophy: "To fully support Fort Jackson and the training of Warriors through maximization of access and coordination to safe, quality health care and to maintain contingency preparedness."

TRICARE continues OTC program

By MAJ. VANCIL MCNULTY
*U.S. Army Center for Health
Promotion and Preventive Medicine*

Physical fitness is a very important part of a person's health. Not only does the level of physical fitness have a direct impact on combat readiness, but physically fit Soldiers are much less likely to get physical injuries and more likely to have enjoyable, productive lives.

At a minimum, Soldiers must meet Army Physical Fitness Test standards by the end of Advanced Individual Training, which is a reasonable goal. The unit training program is designed to help Soldiers reach that goal. After AIT, Soldiers should continue a program of regular vigorous exercise that balances strength, mobility, and endurance and allows for proper rest and recovery.

The exercise program should:

Be progressive. The exercise session must be gradually increased to safely and effectively improve a person's physical performance. Remember, after an illness or when recovering from an injury, returning from deployment or

the field, moving to a new unit, etc., it may be necessary to modify training and begin again slowly.

Be regular. Regular exercise sessions (three to five times per week) improve performance and reduce a Soldier's chances of the "weekend warrior syndrome" (getting a sports injury on the weekends because of little activity during the week).

Provide overload. In order to improve, a person must gradually push him or herself beyond the normal demands placed upon his or her body.

Provide variety. Spread the stress of exercise over the entire body by varying the types of exercises done throughout the week. This also keeps prevents boredom and keeps motivation up.

Allow recovery. Your body is actually strengthened during periods of rest. Regular periods of rest between activities, sleep and proper nutrition help the body rebuild itself. For example, a hard day of running should be followed by a day of resistance training to give the muscles used during running some time to recover.

Be balanced. An exercise program

should include low-intensity endurance activities (such as running, biking, swimming or stair climbing), high-intensity endurance activities (such as sprints or intervals while running, cycling, swimming, or climbing), muscular strength and endurance (resistance exercises such as lifting weights or your own body weight), and mobility training (activities that develop agility, balance, coordination, flexibility, posture, stability, speed and power, such as agility drills, individual movement techniques, and stretching after activity). Be specific. The activities performed during each exercise sessions should be specific to individual goals.

Be precise. Perform all muscle strength and mobility exercises slowly and with correct posture. The quality of training may be more important than the quantity. For example, performing any activity sloppily or hurried is less effective and may cause injury.

Editor's note: Maj. Vancil McNulty is the staff physical therapy officer at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

MACH updates

MACH CLOSES ENROLLMENT

Because of a shortage of on-post primary care providers, active duty family members are no longer able to enroll for services at MACH. Family members will have a choice of Primary Care Managers in the TRICARE Prime network in the civilian community. There are, however, openings for pediatric care for family members of active duty Soldiers who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

SOCIAL MEDIA

MACH is announcing same-day appointments for primary care on Twitter. Sign up at www.twitter.com/machcsd. MACH also has a Facebook page. Search for "Moncrief Army Community Hospital" and become a fan.



CAREER COUNSELOR

Staff Sgt. Connie Mitchell has joined MACH from Fort Bragg, N.C. as the hospital's new career counselor.

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

The MACH Orthopedic Clinic is currently scheduling only active-duty Soldiers for follow-up appointments. Call the referral center at 751-2363.

FIRST RESPONDER

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Col. Ronald F. Taylor
*Director,
Emergency Services/Provost Marshal*
Sgt. Maj. Glen W. Wellman III
Provost Sergeant Major
Billy Forrester
Fire Chief



to open the locked door. The child was uninjured.

CASES OF THE WEEK

❑ A Soldier was detained for wrongful appropriation of government property after three smoke grenades were found in the trunk of a civilian’s car, Military Police said. The Soldier said the grenades were found after a training exercise and that he intended to turn them in, MPs said. However, the civilian drove the car before the Soldier was able to turn in the grenades. The Soldier was released to his unit.

❑ A civilian was charged with driving with an open container after he attempted to come into post with an alcoholic beverage in the center console of his vehicle, MPs said. The civilian passed field sobriety tests and was denied access to post, MPs said.

❑ MPs were called to the Gate 2 Shopette after a child was reported locked in a vehicle, MPs said. The parent was getting gas when the child was accidentally locked in the car, MPs said. A locksmith was able

TIP OF THE WEEK

Those who live or work on Fort Jackson are required to register their vehicles on the installation. Army Regulation 190-5, Paragraph 3-1, a. states in part: “Motor vehicles will be registered according to guidance in this regulation and in policies of each service...Persons who live or work on an Army installation, or National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States facility, or often uses the facility is required to register his or her vehicle.”

Fort Jackson Supplement 1 to Army Regulation also includes registration requirement for registering vehicles on post. Anyone who is required to register his or her vehicle and fails to do so can be issued a citation and barred from driving the unregistered vehicle onto post.

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1-888-559-TIPS
www.midlandscrimestoppers.com

FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

STAY
ALERT!!



STAY
ALIVE!!

I WANT YOU! TO MAINTAIN SITUATIONAL AWARENESS!!!!

LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community submissions to the *Leader* should be typed and no more than 45 words.

❑ Announcements are due one week before the scheduled publication. For example, an announcement for the March 18 *Leader* must be submitted by March 11.

❑ Stories are due two weeks before the scheduled publication. For example, an announcement for the March 18 *Leader* must be submitted by today.

❑ Send all submissions to FJLeader@conus.army.mil.

God rewards lifestyle of patience

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) SCOTT BULLOCK**
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

I had to take my car to the mechanic for repair work recently. This was the ninth time for the same issue. It seems I have a mysterious frayed wire that continuously shorts out, causing my A/C fuse to blow.

Times like this test my “last wire” of patience. How about you? Are you short or long on patience? Do you have a long fuse or a short temper? We all need a good challenge and encouragement to be patient.

God’s word teaches the benefits of patience. First, patience reflects genuine love. Paul, the apostle, describes love in 1 Corinthians 13:4 this way, “Love is patient.” This

means we show love by our personal restraint. We maintain self-control despite circumstances that arouse passion or cause agitation.

Another good word for patience is forbearance. The Bible teaches that patience is more than an important character trait. It is a way of life. An obedient follower of God exercises patience by consistently loving and forgiving despite provocation.

Patience also affects our instant and ongoing reaction to life’s troubles. Others watch how you react after you hear bad news, encounter a long check-out line or traffic jam or when facing others’ shortcomings.



Jesus taught a parable in Matthew 18:23-35 that illustrates the necessity of patient forgiveness. Just as the rich king both forgave the indebted servant then punished him for failing to extend the same grace, so will God hold us accountable for patiently forgiving others.

Finally, patience marks the character of a genuine Christian. Galatians 5:22 states,

“The fruit of the spirit is ... patience.”

A spirit-filled person naturally exhibits a lifestyle of patience. Patience is motivated by love and results in forgiveness.

God has tremendous benefits for his patient people.



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
9 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel) service at the Post Theater
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
9:30 a.m. Solomon Center (Hispanic)
9:40 a.m. Moncrief Army Community Hospital
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
- Wednesday
6 p.m. Prayer Service Magruder Chapel

- Protestant Bible Study**
- Monday
7 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (PWOC — Main Post Chapel, Class 209)

- Wednesday
7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week prayer/Bible study Magruder Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation’s Youth (Magruder Chapel)
- Thursday
9:30 a.m.-noon Women’s Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
- Saturday
8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall))

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL

- Saturday
11 a.m. Magruder Chapel (third Saturday)
- Sunday
5 p.m. Main Post Chapel

CATHOLIC

- Monday-Thursday
11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
8 a.m. Mass (Solomon Center)
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)

- 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday
12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

JEWISH

- Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
9:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4478
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

Former Soldier drives USA 1 to gold

By **TIM HIPPS**
Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command

WHISTLER, British Columbia — Former U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program bobsledder Steven Holcomb ended Team USA’s 62-year gold medal drought in Olympic bobsleigh competition by driving Justin Olsen, Steve Mesler and Curtis Tomasevicz to victory in the four-man event Saturday at Whistler Sliding Centre.

Holcomb, 29, of Park City, Utah, piloted “The Night Train” sled designed by former NASCAR driver Geoff Bodine down the fastest bobsled track in the world to a four-heat combined time of 3 minutes, 24.46 seconds. They lowered the track record in each of their first two runs Friday, leaving it at 50.86 seconds.

“It’s incredible,” Holcomb said. “We’ve been working so hard the last four years and it’s finally paid off. It’s kind of overwhelming. It’s been stressful but awesome, kind of all over the place.”

Five-time Olympic medalists Andre Lange and Kevin Kuske teamed with Alexander Roediger and Martin Putze aboard Germany I to win the silver medal with a time of 3:24.84.

The Canada I quartet of Lyndon Rush, Chris Le Bihan, David Bissett and Lascelles Brown claimed the bronze in 3:24.85, marking the first time in 46 years Canadian bobsledders have medaled at the Olympics.

Team USA’s .38 margin of victory is considered a landslide in the sport of bobsleigh.

“We came out here to show we’re the best team in the world,” Holcomb said. “It was a full team effort. We have fun together, and that’s why we come out and dominate.”

Team USA I blasted out of the blocks with start times of 4.75, 4.73, 4.77 and 4.76 for runs of 50.89, 50.86, 51.19 and 51.52 seconds.

“We had four great starts and four great runs,” Holcomb said. “We started the weekend with the start record, which was huge. We wanted to make a statement and make sure they knew we were here to play.”

Warmer temperatures slowed the track by nearly one second for Saturday’s final two heats. Heavy snowfall during the first two heats Friday contributed to six crashes, including USA II driven by WCAP bobsled pilot Sgt. John Napier with WCAP brakeman 1st Lt. Chris Fogt, Chuck



Photo by TIM HIPPS, FMWR Command

Former U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program bobsledder Steven Holcomb and teammates Justin Olsen, Steve Mesler and Curt Tomasevicz bite their gold medals Saturday night at Whistler Medals Plaza after winning the Olympic four-man bobsled crown earlier in the day at Whistler Sliding Centre at Whistler Sliding Center in British Columbia.

Berkeley and Steve Langton aboard.

Team USA physicians convinced Napier to bypass the final two heats because of limited neck mobility he sustained from the crash.

“This really hurts,” Napier said as he watched Holcomb’s third run on television monitors at the finish line. “Yesterday was my last race of the season.”

U.S. bobsled head coach Brian Shimer, a five-time Olympian, was not overly concerned.


“I told John that he did an awesome job and that this is just the beginning,” said Shimer, a 2002 Olympic bronze medalist. “He has a bright future ahead of him and I’m proud to be his coach. Their team had a big start yesterday and they were flying down the course, so this is really hard for them to take. But we look forward to a great future for John in this sport. He may be the one to break my record of five Olympics, and I hope I’m able to share his success with him in the upcoming years.”

Army National Guard Outstanding Athlete Program Sgt. Mike Kohn drove to 13th place with Jamie Moriarty, Bill Schuffenhauer and Nick Cunningham aboard USA III in 3:27.32.

Sports shorts

- ❑ Letters of intent for intramural and recreational golf are due March 23.
- ❑ Letters of intent for intramural and recreational volleyball are due March 24.
- ❑ Letters of intent for intramural and recreational softball are due March 25.
- ❑ A power lifting meet (bench, squat and dead lift) is scheduled for April 17. Weigh-in is the night before the event. Sign up at the sports office.
- ❑ This year’s triathlon was canceled.
- ❑ Youth Sports is now accepting registrations for soccer, track and basketball. Registration for soccer ends Saturday. Practices are already under way.
- The season begins March 13 and ends April 17. Soccer and basketball is open to children, 3-18. Track is open to children, 9-18.
- Coaches will contact parents for specific practice times and dates. Call 751-5040 for information.
- ❑ The 187th Ordnance Battalion “Spring Fling” Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 15. Registration is at 10:30 a.m., the tournament begins at noon. Submit team names in advance. All are invited to participate. For more information, call 751-3326 or send an e-mail to Christopher.W.Chapman@us.army.mil.
- ❑ For more information on sports events, call 751-3096.

Winter basketball standings*

Monday/Wednesday League			Tuesday/Thursday League	
Swampfoxes	9-2		165th Bde	11-3
SCNG	9-4		80th Div	11-3
2-60th	7-3		NiteFlyte	10-1
SSI	6-3		MEDDAC	10-4
3-34th	5-4		That's Them	9-0
165th HHC	5-7		171st	7-6
4-10th	4-8		369th	4-6
VA	3-7		2-39th	3-7
3-60th	2-6		81st	3-9
CRC	2-8		3-13th	1-9
			2-13th	1-11
			TFM	0-11
* Standings as of Wednesday morning				